

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An applicator comprising:
a base portion carrying an applicator element and configured for fixing onto a receptacle; and
a handle portion rotatably mounted on the base portion to turn about a fixed axis of rotation, the handle portion having a longitudinal axis,
wherein the axis of rotation and the longitudinal axis of the handle portion are never mutually perpendicular and wherein the axis of rotation and the longitudinal axis are not parallel.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the axis of rotation and an axis of the base portion are not mutually perpendicular.
4. (Original) An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the base portion and the handle portion co-operate in such a manner as to enable a user to secure the handle portion in at least one predefined position relative to the base portion.
5. (Original) An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the base portion and the handle portion co-operate in such a manner as to enable a user to secure the handle portion in at least two predefined positions relative to the base portion.
6. (Original) An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the handle portion and the base portion co-operate so as to produce a click sound when a predefined position of the handle portion relative to the base portion is reached.
7. (Original) An applicator according to claim 1, wherein the base portion comprises a closure cap for a receptacle.

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